

for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Benson K. Whitney, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Norway.

David M. Hale, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—243) Pages S10328, S10332, S10359–60, S10360

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 26, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10392–93.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the financial services industry's responsibilities and role in preventing identity theft and protecting sensitive financial information, after receiving testimony from Senator Pryor; Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Ira D. Hammerman, Securities Industry Association, Gilbert T. Schwartz, Schwartz and Ballen LLP, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers, and Oliver I. Ireland, Morrison and Foerster, on behalf of the American Bankers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATIONS IN DISASTER

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine the protection of critical communications infrastructure during a disaster, focusing on the impact on communications services in the area effected by Hurricane Katrina, a status report on the extent to which services have been restored, and steps the Federal Communications Commission has taken to facilitate the restoration of service and to provide support for evacuees, receiving testimony from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; William L. Smith, BellSouth, and Paul Roth, Cingular Wireless, both of Atlanta, Georgia; Jeffrey A. Citron, Vonage Holdings Corporation, Edison, New Jersey; and Hossein Eslambolchi, AT&T Global Networking Technology Services and AT&T Labs, Bedminster, New Jersey.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, September 29.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas

pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, S. 1378, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and S. 1627, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware, after receiving testimony from Senator Dodd and Carper; Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Timothy Slavin, State of Delaware Historical and Cultural Affairs, Dover; Eric Hammerling, Farmington River Watershed Association, Inc., Simsbury, Connecticut; Beth Anne Styler Barry, Musconetcong Watershed Association, Asbury, New Jersey; Michael W. Roberts, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania; and John Fowler, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, who was introduced by Senator Smith; George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Burr, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Domenici; and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Patricia Louise Herbold, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, and William Paul McCormick, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and serve concurrently as Ambassador to Samoa, who was introduced by Senators Wyden and Smith, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1725, to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, with amendments;

An original bill to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, with amendments;

S. 1738, to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent and objective audits and investigations relating to the Federal programs for Hurricane Katrina, with an amendment;

S. 939, to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise certain authority provided under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1736, to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies;

S. 572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1700, to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, John R. Fisher, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Colleen Duffy Kiko, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Juliet JoAnn McKenna, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine cost and payment plans for the Medicare Prescription Drug,

Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, focusing on access to outpatient prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D, after receiving testimony from Leslie Norwalk, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Joseph R. Antos, American Enterprise Institute, Jagadeesh Gokhale, Cato Institute, and Marilyn Moon, American Institutes for Research, all of Washington, D.C.

DISPLACED SCHOOL CHILDREN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development concluded a hearing to examine Federal and State efforts to meet the educational needs of students and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, after receiving testimony from Senators Lott and Landrieu; Henry L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Rodney R. Lafon, St. Charles Parish Public School District, Luling, Louisiana; Sister M. Michaeline Green, Louisiana Department of Education, Baton Rouge; Michael Stein Margolin Hebrew Academy, Memphis, Tennessee; Daryl Gates, Caddo Public School District, Shreveport, Louisiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

KATRINA VS. SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on small businesses and the efforts of the Small Business Administration to provide relief to the victims, after receiving testimony from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, and Herbert

L. Mitchell, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration; John Rowland, Southern Hospitality Catering, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business, and Woodrow J. Wilson, Jr., Gulf South Animated Motion Technologies, Inc., both of New Orleans, Louisiana; Alta Baker, Safe Haven Enterprises, Jennings, Louisiana, on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy; Mary Lynn Wilkerson, Louisiana Small Business Development Centers, Monroe; Richard Harris, Harris Homes, Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Timothy Swindall, SWR Inc., Troy, Alabama; and Michele Sutton, Fairway Ventures, Hammond, Louisiana.

NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERIES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans' Affairs implementation of the capital crime prohibition statute, intended to prohibit certain capital offenders from internment or memorialization in Arlington National Cemetery, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Richard A. Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs; Thurman M. Higginbotham, Deputy Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C., on behalf of sundry veterans' organizations; and Vernon G. Davis, Hagerstown, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 3857–3892; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 249; and H. Res. 458–459 were introduced. **Pages H8340–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8341–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986 must register as political committees (Rept. 109–181, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 420, to direct the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, adversely (Rept. 109–230);